

The Internet

Genitourinary medicine and The Internet No 2

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This is the second article in the series on genito-urinary medical resources on the Internet. This current submission is devoted to Web sites providing AIDS and HIV information, publications and a list of newsletters and newsgroups applied to the clinical, scientific and social aspects of HIV infection. If you have any comments or wish to have other sites included in future updates, please submit them to Dr Richard Lau.

Information on HIV/AIDS

AIDS Pathology

<http://www-medlib.med.utah.edu/WebPath/tutorial/AIDS/AIDS.html>

A site providing colour images of selected common AIDS pathology and an HIV tutorial section. May be useful for undergraduate education.

AIDS Resource List

<http://www.teleport.com/2celinec/aids.shtml>

A well-maintained and comprehensive list of HIV/AIDS web sites available in the UK.

AVERT

<http://www.oneworld.org/avert/>

Home page of a non-governmental organisation in the UK that has information on AIDS statistics and information on contraception, sexuality and HIV/AIDS for young people and adults.

Bastyr University AIDS Research Center

<http://www.bastyr.edu/research/ARCinfo.html>

A site devoted to the use of alternative medicine for the treatment of HIV infection and AIDS. Has a useful glossary of alternative therapies and their primary indications.

CDC National AIDS Clearinghouse

<http://www.cdcnac.org/>

A comprehensive information service designed to facilitate the sharing of information and educational resources, research findings and AIDS-related trends. Has links to other CDC sites dealing with clinical trials and treatment information.

Gay Men's Health Crisis

<http://www.gmhc.org/>

A useful resource aimed particularly for people with AIDS, but also has information dealing with carers, HIV testing and safer sex.

HIV Infoweb Searchable Library

<http://library.jri.org>

A Web site dedicated to searching for articles dealing primarily in the treatment of HIV infection.

JAMA AIDS Information Center

<http://www.ama-assn.org/special/hiv/hivhome.htm>

A very useful and popular site containing a vast

collection of resources related to HIV infection and AIDS. These include a journal watch for HIV/AIDS papers, a *JAMA* archive, expert clinical advice forum, clinical practice guidelines, patient information and a link to other HIV/AIDS sites. Highly recommended.

Marty Howard's HIV/AIDS Home Page

<http://www.smartlink.net/2martinh/>

One of the most popular sites to access AIDS information with an extensive collection of regularly updated resource pointers.

Medscape-AIDS

<http://www.medscape.com/Home/>

[Medscape-AIDS/Medscape-AIDS.html](http://www.medscape.com/Medscape-AIDS.html)

A site principally aimed at health professionals, providing a wealth of colourful and well-written articles on topical subjects related to AIDS medicine. Has clinical news and reviews, self-assessment questionnaires and Medline searches. Free registration is required to view the articles.

MedWeb-AIDS and HIV

<http://www.gen.emory.edu/medweb/medweb.aids.html>

An extensive and up-to-date resource, with lists of Web sites, publications and links to newsgroups and newsletters devoted to AIDS and HIV.

The Body

<http://www.thebody.com/>

A useful guide offering information on AIDS conditions, new treatments and related issues. Has a forum for carers and sections on AIDS arts and literature.

The Information Exchange

<http://www.bluenet.co.uk/blue/star/index.html>

Web site run by the Crusaid Centre based at the Chelsea & Westminster Hospital, London. Has links to newsgroups and other HIV/AIDS sites, an A to Z of UK clinical trials and AIDS treatment update co-sponsored by the *National AIDS Manual*.

UNAIDS

<http://www.unaids.org/>

Web site of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, co-sponsored by six UN agencies. Information available on global epidemiology of HIV infection, vaccine development, clinical research and details of projects sponsored by UNAIDS. Also available in French.

WHO Global Programme on AIDS

<http://gpawww.who.ch/gpahome.htm>

A site with extensive links to additional WHO Web sites and WHO Internet resources such as gopher and ftp. Has a good section on the global epidemiology of HIV infection.

WWW AIDS Virtual Library

<http://planetq.com/aidsvl/index.html>

A site with many resources dealing with the

social, political and medical aspects of AIDS.
Yahoo's AIDS/HIV Index
http://www.yahoo.com/Health/Diseases_and_Conditions/AIDS_HIV/
 A good starting point for searches related to general AIDS and HIV Web sites.
IX International Conference on AIDS, Vancouver 1996
<http://www.interchg.ubc.ca/aids11/aids96.html>
 Web site devoted to the recently held International Conference. Has a form to search for abstracts.

Information on the treatment of HIV infection and AIDS

AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service (ACTIS)

<http://www.actis.org/>

A site co-sponsored by a number of US federal departments (CDC, NIAID, FDA and NLM), providing information on on-going and future recruitment to clinical trials.

HIV/AIDS Treatment Information Service

<http://www.hivatis.org/>

A site similar to ACTIS (above), giving information on current availability of drugs used in the treatment of HIV and AIDS.

National AIDS Treatment Advocacy Project

<http://www.aidsnyc.org/natap/index.html>

A useful site to access updates of new treatments, clinical trials and tests in the management of HIV infection. Some of the larger files are available in .zip format.

Project Inform's HIV/AIDS Treatment Hotline

<http://www.projinf.org/>

A site dealing with information on results of clinical trials and new treatments. Also available in Spanish.

Publications of interest from the National Institutes of Health, USA

The relationship between HIV infection and the Acquired Immunodeficiency syndrome. NIAID, Bethesda, September 1995. Converted to HTML by Axel Boldt.

<http://emile.math.ucsb.edu/2boldt/aids/etiology.html>

A large document giving a detailed account of the aetiology and pathogenesis of HIV infection and AIDS.

CDC Update: Provisional Public Health Service Recommendations for chemoprophylaxis after occupational exposure to HIV. MMWR 1996;45: 468-72

<ftp://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Publications/mmwr/wk/mm4522.pdf>

Case-control study of HIV seroconversion in health-care workers after percutaneous exposure to HIV-infected blood—France, United Kingdom, and United States, January 1988–August 1994. MMWR 1995;44:929-33

<ftp://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Publications/mmwr/wk/mm4450.pdf>

USPHS/IDSA Guidelines for the Prevention of

Opportunistic Infections in Persons Infected with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus: A Summary (July 1995)

<ftp://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Publications/mmwr/rr/rr4408.pdf>

USPHS Guidelines for Human Immunodeficiency Virus Counselling and Voluntary Testing for Pregnant Women (July 1995)

<ftp://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Publications/mmwr/rr/rr4407.pdf>

HIV Health Education and Risk Reduction Guidelines (April 1995)

<http://www.wonder.cdc.gov/rchtml/Convert/STD/Title3201.html>

Recommendations of the US Public Health Service Task Force on the Use of Zidovudine to Reduce Perinatal Transmission of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (August 1994)

<ftp://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Publications/mmwr/rr/rr4311.pdf>

Selected Newsletters

AIDS Information Newsletter

<http://www.cmpfarm.ucsf.edu/2troyer/safsex/vanews/> or <http://cornelius.ucsf.edu/2troyer/safsex/vanews/>

Published by the AIDS Information Center based at the VA Medical Center, San Francisco, this is a biweekly electronic journal aimed particularly for clinicians and other health professionals. Also has links to related gopher sites with information on sexually-transmitted diseases and HIV disease and treatments.

CDC AIDS Daily Summaries

<gopher://odie.niaid.nih.gov:70/11/aids>

Provides a list of AIDS and HIV articles and cuttings published in daily newspapers and journals.

NLM Monthly AIDS Bibliographies

<gopher://gopher.nlm.nih.gov:70/11/bibs/aids>

A useful collection of AIDS publications available through this National Library of Medicine gopher.

Newsgroups

bionet.molbio.hiv

Newsgroup devoted to discussions on the molecular biology and pathogenesis of HIV and related infections.

clari.tw.health.aids

A newsgroup dealing with HIV/AIDS research issues. Some political content. sci.med.aids A moderated newsgroup providing a forum for discussing scientific issues relating to HIV in particular and retroviral infection in general.

misc.health.aids

A popular forum for discussing HIV/AIDS treatments, side-effects and results of clinical trials. Well represented.

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